

Canyon Park Apartments
9555 Genesee Ave



Canyon Park Apartments is a 224 unit apartment complex managed by Leilani Sakai, from Sunrise Management, a member of the San Diego County Apartment Association. The complex is participating in the City of San Diego's multi-family recycling pilot program that distributed reusable, in-unit recycling bags to multi-family residents. The bags were purchased with grant money from the State Department of Conservation, and were designed to assist residents with collection of recyclables at their home and transporting them to a central disposal area in the complex. The bags are made of 100% recycled plastic. They are flexible, have a large capacity and can fit in small spaces or even be hung. They are also easy to carry, leaving residents' hands free to carry other items such as trash bags, which is also disposed at the same location.



The implementation and education outreach for the recycling program included sending notice to the residents about the program, placing clear signs outside enclosures indicating that there is a recycling container inside and which items must be recycled, and making sure recycling is convenient. Recycling dumpsters were paired with trash dumpsters in every enclosure, and recycling containers were placed by the



mail box area and laundry room. Management and maintenance staff have a great attitude about the program. They play a key role on residents' education about program, and even pick the occasional recyclables out of the dumpsters. In addition, the complex offers free battery, light bulb and electronics recycling to all residents.

Residents' response was very positive and the complex has reduced 44% of its trash services and increased 50% of its recycling collection.



Canyon Park Apartments' from left to right: Joseph Goodhue, Maintenance Supervisor, Property Manager Leilani Sakai, Diana Ort, Assistant Manager and Dustin Peek, Maintenance Tech.
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